

# Nature Center Activities

## Turkey Run State Park

Saturday, November 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – Help stock the Nature Center wildlife observation area with birdseed  
*10:30-11:30am Build A Birdfeeder* – Make a feeder your winter birds will love! Nature Center  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – Enjoy a tour of tonight’s starry 8 o’clock sky in the comfort of our planetarium. Don’t miss this free 40-minute program at the Nature Center.

*\*3pm Lusk Home Tour* – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm. Free!

Sunday, November 2

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.  
*10:30am Chair Hike: Trail 3* – Want to see our most famous trail without the rugged walk? Meet in the Nature Center planetarium for a 15-min. video.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See above.

**Set clocks back 1 hour tonight!**

Mon, Thurs & Fri, November 3 & 6-7

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See above.

Tues & Wed, November, 4-5

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, November 8

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous.

*10:30am-12pm Stop At The Top* – Stop above the 70-steps (Suspension Bridge) to meet some local wildlife. Touching is encouraged!

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous.

*\*3pm Lusk Home Tour* – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, November 9

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.

*\*11am Lusk Home Tour* – See previous listing. Cellar doors open at 10:45 a.m.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous.

Mon, Thurs & Fri, November 10 & 13-14

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See above.

Tues & Wed, November 11-12

Nature Center CLOSED

### Hoosier Quest Program

Earn patches, certificates, pins and more while exploring our State Parks and Reservoirs. Individual & family programs.  
**Sign up at the Nature Center.**

Saturday, November 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See previous.

*\*11am Fossil Hunt* – Explore the rocks of Turkey Run & hunt for fossils! 1-hr. mod. hike. Nature Center  
*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See above. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

*\*3pm Lusk Home Tour* – See previous listing. Meet at the Home. Cellar door open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, November 16

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.

*\*11am Lusk Home Tour* – See previous listing. Cellar doors open at 10:45 a.m.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See previous

**The Park CLOSSES at 6pm today**

Monday & Tuesday, November 17-18

Park & Nature Center Closed

*\*Deer Reduction* – In order to maintain balance in the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks, it has become necessary to replace wolves and cougars, the natural hunters of deer now absent from Indiana, with human hunters. We will be closed 2 days as hunters help to reduce an inflated deer population. The Park re-opens at 8 a.m. Wednesday, November 19.

Wednesday, November 19

Nature Center CLOSED

Children age 13 and under must be with an adult at programs and in nature center



Thursday, November 20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

*\*10am Help Feed The Birds* – See above.

*2pm Planetarium Star Show* – See above.

*\*7pm Volunteers In Parks* - Gather in the Nature Center to attend the monthly meeting of the Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Enjoy an entertaining program. Then stick around to see what our hard working volunteers are up to these days. If you’d like to volunteer at Shades and Turkey Run, this is a good way to get started & a great way to make some new like-minded friends!

**\*Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

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Friday, November 21

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**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the Nature Center wildlife observation area with birdseed & then watch as they eat and interact.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Enjoy a tour of tonight's starry 8 o'clock sky in the comfort of our planetarium. Don't miss this free 40-minute program at the Nature Center.

Saturday, November 22

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

**11am Reptiles In Winter** – Gather in the Nature Center for an up-close look at snakes and turtles. Discover how they spend the winter, and see what live ones feel like during a 40-minute program.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Hear the legends & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Warning: lots of standing and stairs. Cellar doors open at 2:45pm. Free!

Sunday, November 23

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

**\*11am Lusk Home Tour** – See above listing. Cellar doors open at 10:45am.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above.

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Monday, November 24

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EST

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See above.

Tues through Thurs, November 25-27

Nature Center CLOSED

Friday, November 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EST

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

**\*10:30am-noon Fire Starting!** – Experience the hard work and rewards of starting a fire without benefit of matches. Try several different techniques at the Nature Center fireplace.

**1-3:30pm Winter Bird Feeders** – Construct a feeder for your birds at home: choose from pine cone, juice carton or several other designs. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous.

**\*7:30pm Owl Prowl** – Bring warm coats to the Strauss Room (near TV) at the Inn for a rousing introduction to 3 common Indiana owls. Learn their haunts, habits AND VOICES, and then hike into the night to try and call in some live ones for a closer look. 1-hour program and easy hike.

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Saturday, November 29

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**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – See above.

**\*10:30am-12:30pm Candle Lanterns** – Make a glowing candle lantern to light up your winter nights. Bring a hammer if you have a spare one in your car. Ear plugs available! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous.

**\*7:30pm Coyote Corral** – Visit coyote corral to meet the largest wild dog still living at Turkey Run State Park, and to figure out what all the howling is about. Bring coats for a quick HOWL outside! Strauss Room at the Inn. 1-hour program.

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**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

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**For future interpretive programs, visit**  
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm>